

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 19 are pending in the application. Claim 1 is the only independent claim.

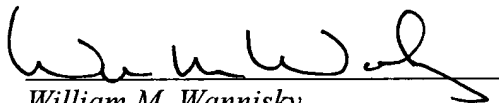
Claim 1 has been amended to even more succinctly define the invention and/or to improve its form. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

It is believed that entry of this Supplemental Amendment is proper inasmuch as it will not interfere with the preparation of an Official Action. See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure § 714.03(a), pp. 700 217-220. (Rev. 2, May 2004).

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the application are earnestly solicited.

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